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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Appln. No.: 09/330,262

Group Art Unit: 1636

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Examiner: Bronwen Loeb

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For: NEW STRAINS "FIL", STRESS-RESISTANT UNDER FERMENTATION AND/OR GROWTH CONDITIONS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of three month(s), extending the time for responding to the Office Action of September 10, 2003 to March 10, 2004.

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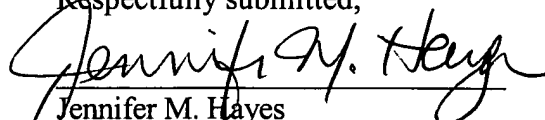
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